(*b*) Rs. 4 per acre ; Not yet distributed.

(*c*) (1) 13—12—44 (28—4—20) (2) Not yet distributed.

STANDARD FURNITURE CO.—CHALAKKUDI

547. Mr. P. K. Dewer *(Nominated):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the number of men, women and children working in the Standard Furniture Company, Chalakudy ;

(*b*) the kind of work the women are engaged in ;

(*c*) has there been any complaint from the Standard Furniture Company Workers Union or from individual workers to the effect that women are ill-treated or very heavy kind of work not suited for women are being given to the women workers in Company's Factory ;

(*d*) will Government be pleased to inquire and inform the House the number of seats in the latrines provided for women and men in the Standard Furniture Company's Factory at Chalakudy and if the number of seats provided are sufficient ;

(*e*) will Government be pleased to inform the House if water for drinking and washing (separately) is being provided for the Standard Furniture Factory at Chalakudy as required by the Factory Rules ;

(*f*) will they also inform the House if the said Factory has provided places of rest for the men and women workers separately as required by the Factory Rules ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer) :*

(*a*)

Men.	Women.	Children.
170	70	Nil.

(*b*) 1. Conveying veneers to the yards for drying and conveying them back after drying.
2. Sorting and stacking of veneers.
3. Sand-papering the plywood.
4. Sizing of veneers.
5. Packing of slate frames in cases, and
6. Preparing solutions and filtering them for the manufacture of glue, etc.

(*c*) No. But there was a reference to the Inspector of Factories and Boilers from the Labour Commissioner on the subject. On enquiry it was found that the allegation was groundless.

(*d*)

No. of seats in the latrine for women.	No. of seats in the latrine for men.
4	5

The seats for the latrine for women are sufficient. 4 more seats would be necessary for the latrine for men. Construction of additional seats has been taken up and is nearing completion.

(*e*) Yes. Good drinking water is provided in two places in earthenware receptacles mounted on wooden stands. Tumblers are also provided for drinking purposes.

Two washing rooms, one for males and the other for females are provided. Two water taps are provided in each of these rooms. In addition to these, a cement tub with a tap has also been provided in the plywood manufacturing room where the employees have actually to come into contact with glue.

(*f*) Yes. According to rules, it is obligatory on the part of a factory to provide rest houses only in case when 150 or more workers remain in the factory premises during intervals for rest. In the factory in question only about 30 to 40 employees usually remain in the factory during rest intervals. The factory has however completed the construction of a rest house. Accommodation in this building is sufficient for the needs of about 66 persons calculated on the basis of the rules in the Factories Rules. The room for females has been provided with a wooden partition.

KERALA VARMAH CANAL—PALLIPPURAM VILLAGE

548. മിസ്സർ എം. കെ. വർഗ്ഗീസ് : താഴെ പറയുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്ക് ഗവൺമെന്റ് സദയം മറുപടി പറയുമോ.—

(എ) പള്ളിപ്പുറം വില്ലേജിൽ കേരളവർമ്മ കനാലിന്റെ പാലം ആദ്യമായി നിർമ്മിച്ചതു് എന്നാണു് ;

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